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NEWS RELEASE

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Mayor Virg Bernero Declares Snow Emergency

Mayor Virg Bernero has declared a Snow Emergency for the City of Lansing, please see attached declaration for parameters.

- Non-essential commercial, private and public travel on city roads is highly discouraged.
- Parking on all city streets is prohibited.
- All City of Lansing sponsored events or meetings are cancelled, *with the exception of the Election Training at the South Washington Office Complex.*
- All City Offices, including City Hall, will close at 3:00 today.
- All Community Centers will close at 3:00 PM today.
- All Parks and Recreation activities, events and classes for tonight are cancelled.
- All City Employees please check the City's Web Site tonight and tomorrow morning to determine your return to work status for Wednesday.

Residents are asked to remove all parked vehicles from all city streets until snow clearing operations are completed in your area. City ordinance prohibits on-street parking from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m., but it will greatly facilitate plowing operations if vehicles are not parked on city streets at any time until these operations are completed. Vehicles parked on city streets that interfere with plowing operations may be towed at the owner's expense.

Local street plowing operations will begin as soon as major streets are cleared, but city residents are reminded that it takes several days to plow more than 440 miles of city streets after a major snow storm. Plowing operations on local streets follow the city's established plow routes. A link to the plow route map, and other winter maintenance information, can be viewed online at http://www.lansingmi.gov/snow_ice_information.

Updates on the city's snow clearing operations are also available via the city's Nixle text messaging service. Citizens can sign up for Nixle updates by visiting <http://www.nixle.com> and subscribing to Lansing Public Service.

Citizens are also reminded that city ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a winter storm event.

The City of Lansing and the Lansing Emergency Operations Center is actively monitoring the weather and situations in the city. Emergency Service and Public Service crews are ready to respond.

Additional resources:

- Citizens who need assistance or guidance during this event are encouraged to call 211.
- To report a power outage to Lansing Board of Water and Light, visit www.lbwl.com/outagecenter.
- Sign-up to receive Nixle updates regarding snow street maintenance and plowing updates from the Lansing Public Service Department at www.local.nixle.com/lansing-public-service.
- Additional updates can be found on the City of Lansing's [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

- For more information about being prepared for an emergency, visit www.Do1Thing.com.

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